GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HERBAL THERAPY ON ASTHMA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Indian Institute of Chemical Biology has developed a new herbal therapy to treat Asthma and bronchitis problem;

(b) if so, whether its trails have been conducted;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to popularize this medicine?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata, a constituent unit of CSIR, has developed a poly herbal formulation to treat Bronchial Asthma.

(b) to (d) Clinical trials according to modern medicine parameters have not been carried out. A limited study conducted as per Ayurvedic procedures by the licensee of Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB) has shown that the formulation provides relief to bronchial asthma patients. The formulation was licensed for commercial production by IICB in September, 2000 and is being marketed under the trade name of Asmon. This is a product of private company, therefore, no special preference to popularize this product is required at Government level.